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**GAME TIME** Super Bowl L is beckoning on the horizon, but Super Bowl XLVIII will be here February 2. Here are a few local spots to catch the game sans any post-play cleanup. **C.V.P.**

**SWEETWATER MUSIC HALL** Bring the crowd to Sweetwater's Super Bowl party in Mill Valley, where the game will be shown on a theater screen, accompanied by food and drink specials. [sweetwatermusichall.com](http://sweetwatermusichall.com)

**TERRAPIN CROSSROADS** Grab a seat on Terrapin's sofa and watch the action on a theater-style screen while choosing from a special menu of New York-inspired street food right in San Rafael. [terrapincrossroads.net](http://terrapincrossroads.net)

**THE MAYFLOWER PUB** A favorite of sports enthusiasts, the Mayflower in San Rafael (pictured) provides an ideal atmosphere for fans and six high-definition screens. [themayflowerpub.com](http://themayflowerpub.com)



**RED ROSE**

"I love you" and respect (single rose); gratitude (bouquet)



**PINK ROSE**

Grace and joy (pale pink); thankfulness (deep pink)



**TULIP**

A declaration of love; "believe me"; "the heart on fire."



**PEONIES**

Grace and happy marriage.



**ORCHIDS**

Beauty, refinement, mature charm and longevity.



**CALLA LILY**

Magnificent beauty, virtue and sensuality.

## Fresh-Cut Conversation

Did you know that flowers can talk? Flower symbolism originated in China but was made popular in the 1800s by Queen Victoria who, enamored with her favorite blossoms, promoted throughout Europe the knowledge of what they could convey. We asked Karen Sapper of Marin mainstay Mill Valley Flowers to let us in on what your favorite Valentine's Day flowers are really saying. [millvalleyflowers.com](http://millvalleyflowers.com) **C.V.P.**

## The Art of Buying Art

The 30th Annual **Marin Show: Art of the Americas** comes to the county this month, bringing with it antique and contemporary American Indian, pre-Columbian, Spanish Colonial and Latin American art — as well as the people who make, buy and sell the pieces. To make things easier for admirers, we asked Sausalito-based art wheeler-and-dealer turned author Richard Polsky for three insider tips to remember as you shop during the event. [marinshow.com](http://marinshow.com) **C.V.P.**

- 1 Only buy Native American art that means something to you. You're more likely to connect with a second-phase Navajo chief's blanket if you've walked the lands of New Mexico.
- 2 When buying Native American silver and turquoise jewelry, look for pieces, whether old or new, that have "zat." It's a term from the heyday of the modern-day Native American jewelry market, during the 1970s, that means the turquoise has the eye-dazzling appeal of a great Renaissance painting.
- 3 If you are considering a piece of historic Native American art, provenance is everything. Make sure the ceremonial pots and objects were legally collected. Any reputable dealer will be happy to furnish you with a complete history of the work of art you are considering.



TIM PORTER (LEFT)